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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
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Dear Senator Boxer:

The County of Orange supports the proposal to transfer 24 MHz of 800 MHz radio frequency spectrum from television channels 60-69 to the exclusive use of the Public Safety Radio Services. This frequency band is immediately adjacent to the 800 MHz allocation currently available for public safety use in the 806-869 MHz band. The county believes that this could be a very important spectrum resource for expansion of existing 800 MHz public safety systems, as well as providing much needed spectrum for those public safety agencies which were unable to obtain 800 MHz frequency assignments, particularly in and near the metropolitan areas of the nation.

The County is well under way in the development of a new 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS) to serve the County and its 31 incorporated cities and special districts. This trunked, digital communications system is funded at \$70 million plus an additional \$10 million plus for the development and enhancement of remote radio facilities to support the new system. While the new system has been designed to support the county-city users for the foreseeable future, there is currently no more 800 MHz spectrum available in the Southern California area to expand the system when additional spectrum is required.

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Sincerely,

  
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cc: The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman, FCC  
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The Honorable Christopher Cox  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may soon propose an Advanced Television Channel Plan which would allow for the reallocation of UHF Television Channels 60 through 69. It is recommended that a segment of this spectrum be allocated for public safety radio communications needs of State and local governments if the reallocation is implemented. Recent congressional proposals to expedite the auctioning of the reallocated spectrum greatly heightens the necessity for timely consideration of the needs of public safety.

The Los Angeles Police Department supports any plan that would provide additional spectrum to public safety. However, it is important to note that, based on the most recent deliberation of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC), this will be only a small part of the overall spectrum required for public safety over the next 15 years. There is a critical need in California for more UHF channels; we hope the FCC will entertain additional sharing between broadcast television and public safety within the 470-512 MHz band.

As previously stated, the critical need for additional public safety spectrum dictates support for allocation in any band. However, the Los Angeles Police Department would like to propose an alternative for consideration. The FCC is currently holding a block of frequencies in the older 806 MHz pool pending development of an auction plan for ESMR/SMR systems. Virtually all National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee radios currently in use are capable of operating in the older 806 MHz band. Therefore, it is additionally recommended that the FCC conduct a cost-benefit analysis to examine the potential of allocating this older pool of frequencies for the exclusive use of public safety and concurrently moving ESMR/SMR and other impacted users to an equivalent block of spectrum in the upper UHF-TV channels being proposed for reallocation. Not only would



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this second recommendation resolve the currently dilemma of having public safety systems interspersed between other incumbents in the older 806 MHz pool, but would also address the essential requirement for interoperability among public safety entities.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (213) 485-4452.

Very truly yours,

WILLIE L. WILLIAMS  
Chief of Police



LINDA L. BUNKER, Director of Systems  
Acting Commanding Officer  
Communications Group

cc: The Honorable Henry Waxman, U.S. Congressman  
The Honorable Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Diane Feinstein, U.S. Senate  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The immediate spectrum requirements of public safety providers in the County of Los Angeles and other metropolitan areas have arrived at a critical juncture; one necessitating timely and decisive action by the Commission even as the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC), completes the final stages of its charter. Prospects for reallocation of UHF-TV channels 60-69 provide an unparalleled opportunity for Congress and the FCC to let the American people know in this election year that in spite of pressure from big business to trade spectrum for dollars, wisdom dictates that the safety and security of the American public must first be satisfied.

The Los Angeles County Public Safety Services need the additional voice and data resources which these communications channels represent. We can not allow this opportunity to pass. It is our solemn duty as public servants to pursue with vigor those actions capable of influencing the decision-making powers to make this proposed reallocation a reality.

The County of Los Angeles, on behalf of its firefighters, paramedics, and Sheriff's deputies, urges the Commission to insure that any Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Advanced Television ("ATV"), include recognition of public safety's immediate, mission-critical needs for an appropriate and adequate portion of the spectrum presently occupied by UHF-TV channels 60-69, as recommended in the preliminary Spectrum Requirements time line established by the current PSWAC proceedings. This would include an immediate allocation of 24 MHz (4 TV channels), and future assignments of 30 MHz and 33 MHz in other bands prior to 2005 and 2010 respectively, to satisfy the total requirement of 87 MHz.

We urge the Commission on this occasion to pursue a course of ardent determination with appropriate deliberation, and provide assurances to the young men and women

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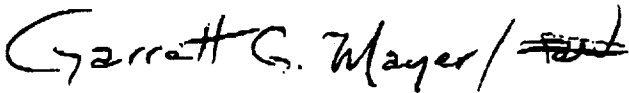
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who form the vanguard of our front lines that their emergency communications links will be in place and available when they need them most. On their behalf, I thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Garrett G. Mayer" followed by a stylized flourish or mark.

Garrett G. Mayer, Administrative Manager  
Regulatory Affairs

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c: Commissioner James H. Quello  
Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong  
Commissioner Susan Ness

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The Honorable Jack Fields, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Telecommunications & Finance  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We understand that your Subcommittee will be holding FCC oversight hearings on July 18, and that the Commission's channel plan for Advanced Television (ATV) service may be discussed at that time. Therefore, you may be interested in the attached letter that APCO recently sent to FCC Chairman Reed Hundt. Also enclosed is a similar letter from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact our counsel in Washington, Robert Gurss, at 202-457-7329.

Sincerely,

*James R. Rand*  
James R. Rand

Attachments

cc: All Subcommittee members  
The Honorable Reed Hundt✓





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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the more than 15,000 executive level law enforcement officers who direct federal, state and local police agencies from across the country and proudly call themselves members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). As you know, the IACP has previously communicated its grave concern for maintaining an adequate portion of the spectrum, dedicated for law enforcement and public safety activities, as well as anticipating the need to allocate an additional portion of the spectrum to accommodate police usage for new and emerging technologies. Recent congressional proposals to expedite the auctioning of spectrum greatly heightens the IACP's concern in this area.

While the IACP membership understands the need to find new revenue resources to pay for existing and/or new programs all too well, the federal government must first consider both the long and short term effects to public safety and law enforcement activities before moving forward to sell more spectrum. I believe that the work done by the joint FCC/NTIA Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) will provide the basis for a thorough, comprehensive study which accurately lays out the current and future spectrum needs of public safety and police agencies. The IACP has strongly urged Congress to wait until September, when the report is expected to be completed, to fully consider PSWAC's findings before auctioning off any further spectrum.

Additionally, the IACP has been informed that the FCC will obtain a portion of spectrum currently occupied by UHF television channels 60 through 69 in exchange for giving broadcasters new spectrum allocations. As I understand it, UHF 60-69 is adjacent to the 800 MHz band currently utilized by many police departments, and, therefore, lends itself to greater interoperability among different police communication systems. While the IACP believes that there still must be a comprehensive resolution which may well come out of PSWAC, we

**The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
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**encourage the FCC to add UHF channels 60 through 69 to the spectrum set aside currently allocated for law enforcement and other public safety communications.**

**Police departments around the nation need additional radio spectrum to update outdated systems in order to incorporate and implement new technologies such as high speed radio transmissions of crime data, fingerprints, video, and mugshots to and from officers in the field. In many metropolitan areas, departments face current shortages of radio spectrum, inhibiting their ability to obtain channels necessary for day-to-day communications. And even the largest cities would not be able to compete with the private sector in bidding for spectrum. We have worked closely with PSWAC to identify and address all of these spectrum shortages. The IACP believes that releasing that portion of the spectrum which includes UHF channels 60-69 would greatly assist police and other public safety agencies in the short term, but maintain that still more must be done.**

**Sincerely,**



**David G. Walchak  
President**

**cc: The Honorable Harold Rogers, U.S. Congressman  
The Honorable Judd Gregg, U.S. Senator  
The Honorable Orrin Hatch, U.S. Senator  
The Honorable Henry Hyde, U.S. Representative  
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RE: Reassignment Of T-Band Spectrum For Public Safety Utilization

Dear Congressman Fields:

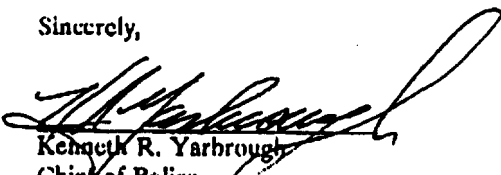
As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, you are aware of the critical shortage of radio spectrum for public safety users. The pending release of the findings of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee documents this serious situation and describes both current and future needs of public safety users. While billions of dollars have been committed to expanding other capabilities within the criminal justice system, there has been an obvious erosion of communications resources available to law enforcement, fire protection, and other public safety personnel.

The increased communications requirements for public safety users are further complicated by the recent actions of the Federal Communications Commission to generate revenue through widespread auctioning of radio spectrum. Clearly, the public sector, particularly at the state and local level, cannot compete in this auction arena.

It has come to my attention, however, that there is a narrow window of opportunity for the reassignment of T-Band channels 60-69 for use by public safety. Based on the critical, immediate demand for radio spectrum in the public safety community, I would appreciate any support you may be in a position to provide for this option.

I would like to thank you for your continuing support for the communications needs of public safety. If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (214)238-3800.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth R. Yarbrough  
Chief of Police  
Richardson Police Department

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton  
The Honorable John Bryant



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

RE: Advanced Television Systems  
and their Impact upon the  
Existing Television Broadcast Services

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Sherman County Communications wishes to express its strong support for Federal Communications Commission action to reallocate the current UHF broadcast television channels 60-69, and make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety use. The first step in the process is reallocation of UHF channels 60-69 as proposed in the above referenced digital television proceeding.

There is currently an urgent need in many parts of the country for additional public safety radio channels. The Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee ("PSWAC"), cosponsored by the FCC and NTIA, recently released its "Final Report" which found that public safety agencies need at least 2.5 MHz of additional spectrum right now for interoperability, at least 25 MHz within five (5) years, and an additional 70 MHz within the next fifteen (15) years.

Sherman County Communications agrees with the PSWAC findings. Only immediate FCC action in making available new spectrum can help to alleviate the problems faced by Sherman County and many other public safety agencies around the nation.

The spectrum at issue is ideal for public safety use. The block of UHF channels between 60 and 69 is adjacent to the 800 MHz mobile radio frequencies heavily used by public safety agencies.

Sherman County Communications urges the Commission to act expeditiously and favorably in this matter.

Sincerely,



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*Mary K. Messamore, Director*

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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We understand that the Commission may soon propose an Advanced Television ("ATV") channel plan which would allow for the reallocation of UHF Television Channels 60-69. A significant benefit of this plan is that an opportunity would be created for state and local governments to use a substantial portion of the reallocated spectrum for critical public safety radio communications.

As you know, the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee ("PSWAC"), chartered by the FCC and NTIA, is nearing completion of its analysis of current and future public safety spectrum requirements through the year 2010. The Spectrum Requirements Subcommittee of PSWAC has tentatively concluded that police, fire, emergency medical and other public safety agencies will require at least an additional 79 MHz of spectrum to implement spectrum efficient advanced voice and data communication, to alleviate spectrum congestion, and to enhance interoperability between public safety agencies. This additional spectrum is critical if federal, state, and local governments are to have the communications tools they need to protect the safety of life and property.

The PSWAC Spectrum Subcommittee has also identified the UHF television band, including Channels 60-69, as a potential target band to accommodate a portion of current and future public safety spectrum requirements. Channels 60-69 occupy 60 MHz of radio spectrum that is immediately adjacent to 800 MHz mobile radio bands already used by many public safety agencies, and therefore could be easily adapted for public safety operations. Furthermore, there are relatively few television stations now operating on these channels, allowing for immediate public safety use in many areas of the country.

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Therefore, APCO supports efforts to release substantial portions of UHF Channels 60-69 for new public safety communications technologies.

Sincerely,

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James R. Rand

cc: Commissioner James H. Quello  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Enclosed for your information are copies of a number of letters from public safety agencies around the country expressing support for the reallocation of a portion of the Channel 60-69 spectrum for public safety communications. These letters were generated on very short notice and represent a fraction of the nationwide support for this issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Gurss  
Counsel for APCO

Enclosures

cc: All Commissioners

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Dear Chief Propster:

Thank you for your letter requesting assistance regarding your denied Petition for Rule Waiver and licensing for additional frequencies from the Federal Communications Commission.

Unfortunately, White House staff is prohibited from contacting the FCC on licensing matters, thus I am unable to assist you directly. I will, however, forward your letter to the Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman of the FCC, for his review. You can be sure that he will take all appropriate action.

Thank you again for your letter. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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Leon E. Panetta  
Chief of Staff

cc: The Honorable Reed Hundt

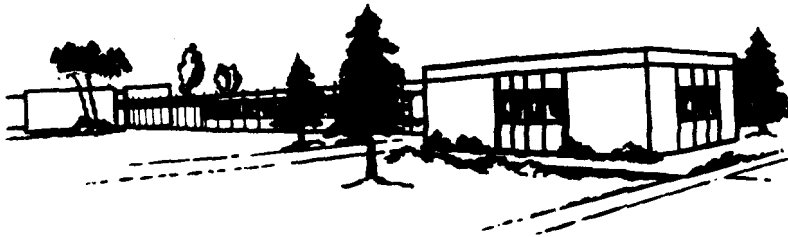
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**RICHARD K. PROPSTER**  
*Chief of Police*

June 12, 1996  
REF: 96-185

The Honorable Leon Panetta, Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Panetta:

Among the many topics you were gracious enough to discuss with us during our March 21, 1995 visit was the need for additional radio spectrum for Los Angeles County police agencies and the bureaucratic labyrinth we must negotiate in quest of additional frequencies. Your interest in this was, and is appreciated. Since that time, two separate, but conceivably related, turns of events--neither boding well for regional law enforcement--have been noted.

First, our Petition for Rule Waiver and licensing for additional frequencies was denied by Federal Communications Commission staff for reasons which do not seem, from my bias at least, to outweigh our pressing local need. This matter can be found under FCC Application File Number 415919 and is now the subject of our appeal of the staff finding to the full Commission.

Second, I am given to believe that H.R. 3415 and S. 1739 propose auctioning additional radio spectrum to offset the revenue loss caused by the temporary suspension of the federal gas tax. This is troubling for several reasons and especially so if it should come to pass prior to publication of the report and recommendations of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Commission due in September.

The purposes of this correspondence are to seek your comments anent the above should you deem such appropriate and your counsel on appropriate persons we might contact during a trip to Washington, D.C. tentatively scheduled for July 13-18.

I sincerely appreciate your taking the time to consider this matter which is far from the most pressing on your agenda, but of substantial importance to us and the communities we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you deem further detail in these regards either necessary or desirable.

Sincerely,

*Richard K. Propster*  
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

July 12, 1996

Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt,

This letter is in support of the efforts of the Commission to allocate additional radio spectrum to satisfy the present and future needs of the Public Safety community.

The MTA Metro-North Police is a transit police agency, of 200 sworn officers in the MTA Metro-North Railroad, charged with protecting the lives of 200,000 daily commuters and employees and property that reaches northward in the New York metropolitan area, from Grand Central Terminal in midtown Manhattan into five New York State counties and two Connecticut counties.

Our voice radio system, in the 160MHz range, operates in a single simplex frequency that stretches from urban NYC out 75 miles through suburban and rural environments. At any time we have approximately 60 officers assigned to foot, train, bicycle or vehicular patrols. The lack of additional operating frequencies has placed our officers and the public we serve at great risk during suspicious, dangerous and normal situations. Officers proceeding with normal radio traffic have no idea that another officer may be in a suspicious or dangerous condition. Operations officers dispatching must make emergency broadcasts, on each of our 21 transmitters, so that no officer transmits anything but emergency broadcasts, during a critical situation. And we have had numerous situations where several critical incidents occur simultaneously. Also normal daily radio traffic is impeded as operations officers can only answer one unit calling at a time.

We strongly support the actions of the commission to allocate additional channels to public safety, but request that sufficient spectrum be dedicated for normal operations, channels for interagency operations, so critical for agencies like ours that cross many jurisdictions and channels for future public safety voice & data communications.

Sincerely,

Dean M. Esserman  
Chief of Police



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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I wish to add my voice to so many others who are urging Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to exercise restraint in scheduling spectrum auctions.

The current proceedings of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC), in conjunction with WT Docket 96-86, are of vital importance to the many thousands of public safety agencies upon which our citizens depend. Spectrum needs for public safety must be met in a manner consistent with their mission. To hastily auction spectrum now, less than sixty days before the PSWAC report is to be completed, would be detrimental to the public interest.

As the Mayor of California's fifth largest city, I place tremendous value and trust in the outstanding performance of our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. Frequency congestion and utilization in the metropolitan Long Beach/Los Angeles/Orange County area clearly exceeds any reasonable operational standard, and relief must be granted if satisfactory public safety service levels are to be maintained. Advances in wireless technologies, community-based policing, specialized work units, and economic constraints each contribute to the challenges we face in providing communications resources. The need for additional spectrum is critical to our City's proposed new communications system, for which public funding is presently being sought.

I urge the Commission to defer scheduling any additional spectrum auctions until such time as the comprehensive report of the PSWAC proceedings has been received and assimilated, and a commitment is made to satisfy public safety's spectrum needs through the year 2010.

Sincerely,

Beverly O'Neill  
Mayor

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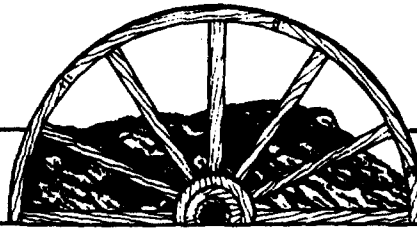
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The Honorable Reed F. Hundt  
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Washington D.C. 20554

Re: **MM Docket No. 87-268**  
Advanced Television Systems and their Impact upon the  
Existing Television Broadcast Service.

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The La Grande Police Department wishes to express its strong support for Federal Communications Commission action to reallocate the current UHF broadcast television channels 60-69 and make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety use. The first step in the process is reallocation of UHF channels 60-69 as proposed in the above referenced digital television proceeding.

There is currently an urgent need in many parts of the country for additional public safety radio channels. The Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee ("PSWAC") cosponsored by the FCC and NTIA recently released its "Final Report" which found that public safety agencies need at least 2.5 MHz of additional spectrum right now for interoperability; at least 25 MHz within five (5) years, and an additional 70 MHz within the next fifteen (15) years.

The La Grande Police Department agrees with the PSWAC findings. Only immediate FCC action in making available new spectrum can help to alleviate the problems faced by The La Grande Police Department and many other public safety agencies around the nation.

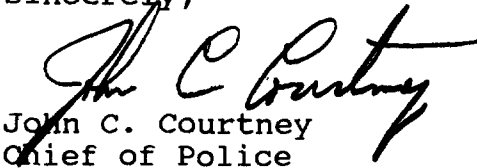
The spectrum at issue is ideal for public safety use. The block of UHF channels between 60 and 69 is adjacent to the 200 MHz mobile radio frequencies heavily used by public safety agencies.

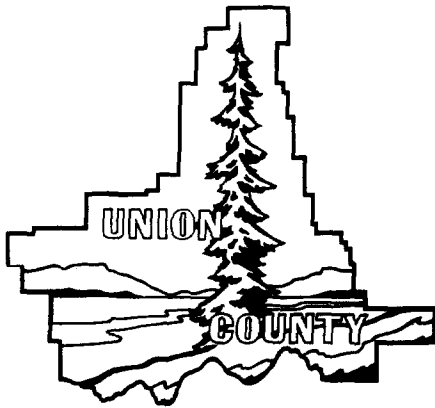
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The La Grande Police Department urges the commission to act expeditiously and favorably in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
John C. Courtney  
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Re: **MM Docket No. 87-268**  
Advanced Television Systems and their Impact upon the  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Union County Sheriff's Office wishes to express its strong support for Federal Communications Commission action to reallocate the current UHF broadcast television channels 60-69 and make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety use. The first step in the process is reallocation of UHF channels 60-69 as proposed in the above referenced digital television proceeding.

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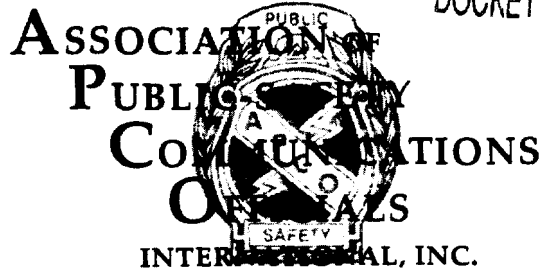
Sincerely,

STEPHEN G. OLIVER, SHERIFF

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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
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Re: WT Docket 96-86

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Nevada Department of Transportation ("Nevada DOT") has filed Reply Comments in the above-referenced proceeding addressing several issues, including the relative benefits of the Project 25 standard for public safety digital radio equipment. Most of the issues raised by Nevada DOT have been fully addressed by APCO and other parties in this proceeding. However, there is one point which does require a brief response to ensure that the record in this proceeding is correct.

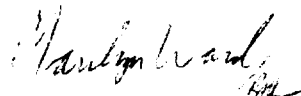
Nevada DOT appears to misunderstand who constitutes Project 25, and how its decisions are made. Nevada DOT suggests that standards should not be selected by "associations such as APCO, which are comprised mainly of dispatchers and non-technical managers." First, that characterization of APCO is incomplete, as a substantial number of APCO members are engineers and technicians. Second, and more importantly, the standard was not selected by APCO. Rather it was selected by the Project 25 Steering Committee, which consists of technically trained individuals representing each of the sponsoring entities, including APCO, the National Association of State Telecommunications Directors ("NASTD") and agencies of the Federal Government. Furthermore, the Project 25 standards were not selected in a vacuum. The Telecommunications Industry Association ("TIA") has been a key player in the Project 25 process, and all of the Project 25 standards were based on TIA committee recommendations.



The Honorable Reed Hundt  
February 25, 1997  
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Please contact me or our counsel in Washington, Robert Gurss, at (202) 457-7329, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn Ward".

Marilyn Ward, President

cc: All Commissioners  
Ms. Michele Farquhar, FCC WTB  
Director, Nevada Department of Transportation